



CITY & BOROUGH of YAKUTAT

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Dear Reviewer:

Enclosed is the Public Review Draft of the revised Yakutat Coastal Management Plan (YCMP).

To ensure your comments are considered for incorporation into the next draft of the YCMP, **you must submit the comment by April 4, 2005**, close of business. Written comments should be sent to the:

City and Borough of Yakutat, ATTN: Skip Ryman
P.O. Box 160
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or via email to: bpplanner@starband.net

Written or verbal comments will also be accepted at the Yakutat Planning Commission's meeting on March 21, 2005, at 7:00 pm., at Yakutat City Hall.

Yakutat must revise its coastal plan now in accordance with the revised Alaska Coastal Management (ACMP) statutes at AS 46.39 and AS 46.40 and the new ACMP regulations at 11 AAC 110, 11 AAC 112, and 11 AAC 114, to continue to participate in the ACMP. If approved, this plan will guide Yakutat's participation in the ACMP, a program for the cooperative management of uses and activities in the coastal zone. Uses and activities in the district's coastal zone that require a local, state or federal authorization will be reviewed for consistency with the YCMP.

Please be advised that given legislatively mandated completion dates, comment on this Public Review Draft is strongly encouraged (rather than waiting until the final plan is issued in June for review). The Yakutat Coastal District, in its sole discretion, may choose to consider any one or more comments received after the deadline.

The YCMP was last updated in 1994. This Public Review Draft updates the resource information and analysis, and provides an opportunity for the Borough to also revise the plan to reflect the community's current goals and objectives for coastal management. This plan includes enforceable policies that address coastal development; natural hazards; fish and wildlife and habitats; subsistence; recreation and tourism; commercial fishing and seafood processing; cultural, historic and archaeological resources; transportation and utilities; mining and gravel extraction; and energy facilities. It is important for reviewers to realize that the new ACMP regulations limit the topics that can be addressed under coastal management and do not allow local coastal programs to adopt policies that address coastal resource issues that are addressed in state and federal regulations. Copies of the current (1994) Yakutat Coastal Management Plan, this March 2005 Public Review Draft Coastal Plan, and supporting information are available for review at City Offices and at www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us. To obtain information on the Yakutat Coastal Management Program and the planning process, please contact Borough Planner Skip Ryman at 784-3323.

Sincerely,


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